

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MAY 16TH, 1934.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, on Wednesday, May 16th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The following letter from the State Industrial Accident Commission was read and considered:

STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

May 12, 1934.

State Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

The Superintendent of the State Accident Fund has requested that we ask you to invest the sum of \$75,000.00 in approved securities of your selection, in accordance with Section 25 of the Workmen's Compensation Law, and that you please consider investing it at as high a rate of interest as you can secure on the type of securities that should be purchased for them.

Will you please make arrangements for this investment as promptly as possible, and acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert H. Carr.

NMC

Chairman.

The Comptroller and Treasurer were authorized to purchase securities in accordance with the request of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The following letter from the Pennsylvania Railroad was read and considered:

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
Eastern Region
Broad Street
Station

PHILADELPHIA
April 4, 1934.

Hon. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
State Board of Public Works,
1003 Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby make application for approval of plans for the reconstruction of the Choptank River single track bridge, with draw, at Denton, Md.

The plans, copies of which are enclosed herewith, show the present timber trestle to be 1,955 feet in length, with a swing draw, providing two channels, each 50 feet in width, normal to the center line.

The proposed reconstruction will consist of a new swing draw, to provide two 50 feet channels, normal to the center line of the stream, and the partial filling in of the trestle from both ends so that the total length of trestle and draw will be 630 feet.

The bridge is now owned by the Maryland and Delaware Seacoast Railroad Company, but favorable consideration is expected in a few weeks upon the application now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission for the acquirement of this railroad by the Baltimore and Eastern Railroad Company, when, with the receipt of your approval, we will be in a position to make application to the Secretary of War for permit to begin construction.

Prompt action is promised by the War Department, as the plans have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the United States Engineer for the District, and we will then be enabled to prosecute without undue delay this much needed improvement to adequately facilitate traffic in this territory.

Yours very truly,

/s/ E. B. Temple.

Chief Engineer-
Eastern Region.

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On motion duly seconded the Board approved the plans of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the proposed reconstruction of Baltimore and Eastern Railroad Bridge No. 24 over Choptank River, West of Denton, Md.

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The following letter from Milton A. Reckord, Major General, Maryland National Guard, was read and considered:-

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Headquarters Armory,
Armory Place & N. Howard St.
Baltimore, Maryland.

April 27th, 1934.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Ritchie:-

I am writing to ask the authority of the Board of Public Works to charge approximately \$17,000 worth of labor at points other than the Fifth Regiment Armory against the Fifth Regiment Armory bond issue. I make this request because I believe it to be to the best interest of the Military Department.

I have secured, as you know, many thousand of dollars worth of material and labor for the Fifth Regiment project from the C.W.A. material alone amounting to something over \$200,000. At the same time I secured material and labor at Camp Ritchie, at the 110th Field Artillery and at armories throughout the State, all from C.W.A. In securing this assistance I had to agree to make certain contributions from State funds in the hands of the Military Department. I see now, in order to take full advantage of the material that I have received from C.W.A. that I will need to expend for mechanics and laborers at Camp Ritchie \$9,000, at the 110th Field Artillery \$3,000.00 and at the several armory locations of the 1st Regiment throughout the State, \$5,000.00 or a total of \$17,000.00.

This is in addition to the money I will have available and in view of the large amount of assistance that I have secured for the Fifth Regiment project I request and recommend that I be given the authority to charge the \$17,000.00 for labor as above indicated against the money available in your hands for the construction of the Fifth Regiment Armory. If you wish me to appear before the Board to explain in further detail I will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Milton A. Reckord.

Milton A. Reckord.
Major General, Md.N.G.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board authorized General Reckord to carry out the program as outlined in his letter of April 27th.

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Budget & Procurement

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, took up with the Board the question of Budget Control as provided by the Budget Appropriation Bill passed by the General Assembly of 1933 covering the fiscal years 1934 and 1935. Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker were authorized to prepare tentative forms for consideration of the Board in connection with any plans the Board might undertake to carry out the budget control provided by the Budget Bill.

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Mr. Kirkman discussed with the Board a proposition made to him by a Mr. Smith of Washington, D. C., relative to a plan for securing reduction in the freight rate on bituminous coal. Mr. Smith proposed to work in behalf of the State in securing a reduction in the rate, his compensation to be one-half of the amount of the contemplated reduction in rate.

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had been in touch with Mr. George M. Smith, General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who advised him that he felt the rate would be reduced anyhow, and that the State would get the benefit of the reduction without the necessity of engaging the other Mr. Smith to help bring it about.

The Board was of the opinion that Mr. Kirkman should not engage the services of Mr. Smith in this matter.

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of bill of the 20th Century Printing Company for printing work done for the Special Session of the General Assembly of 1933. Mr. Kirkman outlined to the Board that he had consulted reputable printing concerns in Baltimore City relative to the bill of the 20th Century Printing Company, and all of the concerns consulted were of the opinion that the bill was fair and reasonable.

Under the circumstances, the Board approved of Mr. Kirkman's approval of the bill.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare was read and considered:

BOARD OF WELFARE - Correction

April 30th, 1934.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor:-

I have received today the bids on the work authorized at the Maryland House of Correction, and I am sending you herewith statement of the work which we propose to do, together with the cost in accordance with the lowest bid. The aggregate cost of all the work is \$130,193.97.

You have heretofore authorized us to make use of \$20,000 withheld from last year's unexpended balance to carry on this work, and the total sum available, together with the government contribution is \$111,193.74. I am extremely anxious to complete all of the work planned, and think it desirable to do so when we can get the government contribution, as it is all necessary, and unless availed of at once will have to be ultimately performed at the entire expense of the State. I am very sure we can get the government to contribute 30% of the excess cost of the work, so we will need an additional \$14,000 to complete the work in accordance with the plans.

For your information I will discuss briefly the items in the order in which they are set out in the summary attached.

Items 1 and 2 - These alterations are necessary in order to make this part of the institution fireproof. The roof and ceiling are inflammable, and the window casings are wood, and for the security of the prison and also as fire protection to the institution this work should be done.

Item 3 - This work is similar to items 1 and 2. The shop is actually a part of the prison, and is physically connected with the buildings.

Item 4 - The present canning house is really a disgrace. It is unsanitary and inadequate. Nevertheless, it is essential for the economic management of the institution that we have facilities for preserving food supply for the inmates.

Item 5 - is a small matter, which, however, is necessary to keep the Maryland Penitentiary hall in habitable condition.

The last item is simply the replacement of the wooden windows with proper steel grilles for security sake.

You will understand best from what money allowance may be made. There remains an unexpended balance of \$454,000 to Maryland State Penal Farm for use during the next eighteen months. This was definitely allotted in the construction loan to the Maryland State Penal Farm. If it is legally possible to transfer \$14,000 from that fund it will be satisfactory, as we can get along for eighteen months on what remains.

Then there was a further balance of \$14,231.96 at the Maryland House of Correction in addition to the \$20,000 which you gave us, which represents unexpended budget allowances. If this could now be transferred and added to the \$20,000 which you have already authorized us to use it would take care of the situation.

Then I suggest with some trepidation that there are rumors of certain reserve funds which you may use to make up deficiencies where this is necessary.

I shall be very glad indeed to talk the matter over with you at any time. As the bids have been received I cannot keep the matter open longer than the end of the week as the contractor may legitimately complain.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Stuart S. Jamney

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Chairman.

SUMMARY OF LOW BIDS

April 25, 1934.

Davis Construction Company
Van Dorn Iron Works Company

General Contract.
Steel Jail Material.

ITEM I

For all alterations in the Women's Workshop, Kitchen, Bake Shop, Officers Kitchen and Dining Room, Bridge to Women's Prison, Auditorium and Dormitory Ceilings, North Dormitory, Grilles in South Cell Wing and coping on walls at entrance to Administrative Office.

General Contract.....	\$52,750.00
Steel Jail Material.....	6,220.50
	<u>58,970.50</u>
6%.....	3,538.23
Total Item I.....	<u>\$62,508.73</u>

ITEM II

For all alterations in the Women's Prison exclusive of windows and grilles in Basement.

General Contract.....	\$17,300.00
Steel Jail Material.....	3,865.00
	<u>21,156.00</u>
6%.....	1,269.36
Total Item II.....	22,425.36

Total Item I and II.....\$84,934.09

ITEM III

For All alterations in the Pants Shop

General Contract.....	\$15,700.00
Steel Jail Work.....	3,918.50
	<u>19,618.50</u>
6%.....	1,177.11
Total Item III.....	20,795.61

Total Items I, II, and III.....105,729.70

ITEM IV

For building of New Canning House and Abattoir complete

General Contract.....	\$18,350.00
No Steel Jail Work	
6%.....	1,101.00
Total Item IV.....	19,451.00

Total Items I, II, III and IV..... 125,180.70

ITEM V

For Rehabilitation of Auditorium Chairs, Maryland Penitentiary.

General Contract.....	\$1,850.00
No Steel Jail Work	
6%.....	111.00
Total Item V.....	1,961.00

Total Items I, II, III, IV and V..... 127,141.70

Alternate No. 1

For all Alterations In Basement of Women's Prison, being replacing of present windows and grilles.

General Contract.....	1,950.00
Steel Jail Work.....	929.50
	<u>2,879.50</u>
6%.....	172.77
Total Alternate No. 1.....	3,052.27

Grand Total, Items I, II, III, IV, V and Alternate No. 1..... \$130,193.97

Henry G. Perring
Architect and Engineer,
10 W. Chase St.,
Baltimore, Md.

On motion duly seconded the Board approved the request of the Board of Welfare covering the additional work at the Maryland House of Correction, and authorized the transfer of \$14,000. from funds to the credit of the Maryland State Penal Farm to the account covering the work to be done at the Maryland House of Correction.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare was read and considered:-

BOARD OF WELFARE

May 16th, 1934.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Clerk,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

I will ask you to present to the Board for their approval the contract of the Davis Construction Company, Baltimore, Maryland, in the amount of \$107,900. and the contract of the Van Dorn Iron Works Company, Cleveland, Ohio, in the amount of \$14,924.50.

This work is for improvements and alterations to the women's workshop, women's prison, pants shop, canning house and abbatoir at the House of Correction. Both of the above contractors were the low bidders on this work and in accordance with plans and specifications of the Architect, Henry G. Perring. Payment to be made from the loan and construction funds appropriated to the Maryland Penitentiary and Maryland House of Correction, plus an advancement of \$20,000. made some time ago and request for additional amount of which application is before the Board. This work is being done with the aid of the Federal Grant of about \$64,000. and application now pending for additional grant of about \$7,000.00

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert D. Case,
Robert D. Case,
Secretary.

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On motion duly seconded the Board approved the making of the contracts by the Board of Welfare with the Davis Construction Company and the Van Dorn Iron Works Company for the work outlined in the foregoing letter .

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph C. Melusker
Secretary.